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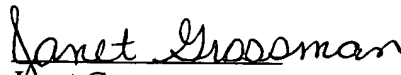
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-331131, dated December 13, 1996;
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 9-191312, dated July 22, 1997;
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4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-237267, dated September 13, 1996;
5. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-30128, dated February 5, 1993; and
6. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-355314, dated December 24, 1999.

The references were cited in an Official Action dated August 20, 2002, received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

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